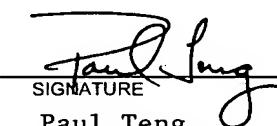


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/009239	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 22 July 2003	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 107521978
TITLE OF INVENTION MEDICAL IMAGE DIAGNOSIS APPARATUS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Akiko SHINOHARA, Shiroo OOTA and Takashi TSUKIZU		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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